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Report for Month of April 1956

I. At the beginning of the second half of Fiscal Year 1956, the Materials Division was responsible for the writing of six complete NIS sections as well as several contributions to sections coordinated by other divisions. All of the latter contributions have been submitted to the division coordinators and three of the complete sections have been forwarded to OBI. Two of the remaining three sections are being reproduced in Alexandria and will be submitted during the month of May. The last section, NIS 39, section 63, Metals and Minerals in China, will have been reviewed, edited, and typed on multilith masters by 31 May. Assuming a reasonable length of time in Alexandria, the section will undoubtedly be forwarded to OBI during the latter part of June.

II. In addition to the submission of a number of scheduled projects and contributions to Area-wides, four OCI handbooks were updated and a special project, S-70, "Comments on Soviet Grain Production," was completed and forwarded to [REDACTED] Comments were also prepared and forwarded on a [REDACTED]

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and on a crash request from the Air Force involving "Chemicals Essential for Guided Missile Propellants." The M/RF Branch participated in the preparation of a CIA-State Department paper on Free World Exports of Copper to the Sino-Soviet Bloc During 1954 and 1955, participated in preparing an NSC Briefing Paper on East-West Trade, and aided in preparing a cable to the Secretary of State on Free World Exports of Copper to the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

III. A. The M/FM Branch was reorganized on regional lines. The [REDACTED]

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month with representatives of the Department of State, Department of Defense, Federal Power Commission and the IAC Standing Committee on Delegations. [REDACTED] was the M/EP representative at these meetings.

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C. Col. Chamberlain spent a good deal of time as Chairman of the IAC Subcommittee for the Exchange of Chemical Delegations representing the Fertilizer-Insecticide Industry and the Plastics Industry.

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